Closure of mines in Orissa

†2711. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:

SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the mining work has been stopped in more than 50 mines in Orissa;

(b) whether the lease of these mines had expired;

(c) the names of the minerals alongwith the number of mines related to them out of these mines, separately;

(d) the extent of productivity which has been affected due to the closure of these mines; and

(e) whether the relaxation from his Ministry was not sought by these closed mines, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) As per available information, mining operation have been suspended in 128 mines by the State Government of Orissa, which includes suspension of 63 mining operations for want of statutory clearances like valid mining plan/scheme of mining, forest clearance and environmental clearance etc.

(c) The details are given below:

Mineral	Chromite	Iron ore	Manga-nese	Iron/ Manga-nese	Soaps-tone	Gra-phite	Lime-stone	Lime-stone/ Dolomite	Dolomite
No. of Mines	1	21	13	17	3	20	1	16	4

Mineral	Quartz phylite/	Quartzite	Quart/	Silicasand Gemstone	China	China clay Fire clay	Fire clay/	Coal clay	Pyro-	Pyro-phylite Quartz
No. of Mines	13	3	2	2	3	1	4	1	1	2

(d) The suspension entails stopping of mining activities, which would effect production of minerals.

(e) No, Sir.

Implementation of Multi-sectoral Development Programme

2712. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had accorded high priority to the Multi-sectoral Development Programme being implemented in 90-minority concentrated districts across the country;

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